

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8362

INFO AMCONSUL TORONTO

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DEPT PASS DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION AND NATIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELTN, CA

SUBJ: GENERAL MOTORS BUS -- ALLEGED SAFETY DEFECT

TWO WEEKS AGO TORONTO BUS WAS IN SEVERE ACCIDENT  
AT RAILROAD CROSSING. NINE PEOPLE KILLED. DEC 19  
GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTS STATEMENT BY LOCAL TORONTO  
CORONER, DR. DONALD BUNT, THAT PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION SHOWS MALFUNCTION IN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM  
CONTROLLING BUS'S REAR DOORS WHICH APPEARS TO BE  
INITIAL FACTOR IN SERIES OF EVENTS PRECIPITATING  
DISASTER. BUS ONLY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF GM (CANADA)  
MANUFACTURE IN SERVICE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS. IN  
VIEW LIKELIHOOD THIS MECHANISM IN USE ON SIMILAR  
BUSES SERVING VARIOUS U.S. CITIES WASHINGTON AGENCIES  
MAY WISH TO PROMPTLY FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH  
TORONTO INQUIRY. PRESS IDENTIFIES CONSULTING  
ENGINEER JOHN C. HASTINGS AS IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION  
AND ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IS ERIC KRUEGER, A METALLURGIST  
AT CENTRE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES. SHOULD WASHINGTON  
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AGENCIES REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN REACHING TORONTO

PARTIES, AMCONGEN TORONTO (PHONE 416-595-1700)  
SHOULD BE CONTACTED. PORTER

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